



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## UUCA As a Prophetic Community

*The prophetic liberal church is the church in which all members share the common responsibility to attempt to foresee the consequences of human behavior (both individual and institutional), with the intention of making history in place of merely being pushed around by it. Only through the prophetism of all believers can we together foresee doom and mend our common ways. —James Luther Adams, UU theologian*

Last June, when I announced that this year I would end my ministry with you –now in twelve months–there were things I could never have imagined shaping our ministry. In particular, I could never have imagined leaving you under the Presidency of Donald Trump. Not that this would have been a factor in my decision; but now, this is the new reality in which I will spend my last year of ministry with you –and this is a factor. Why? Because as Unitarian Universalists, we claim, with great pride, a faith tradition which has shown bursts of sustained prophetic imagination and action when our nation and communities have been threatened by civil and personal abuse. With bold and clear ministries our congregation has lent its voice to this prophetic posture and acted–sometimes alone, but usually in partnerships–to proclaim our trust in the dawning future of Beloved Community. While no one knows for sure what a Donald Trump presidency will look like... what we know for sure is what he told us during the campaign... His speeches and interviews were filled with language and policies shaped by xenophobia, exceptionalism and class privilege. Mr. Trump relished his blatant lies, his shameful disregard for historical facts and his habit of embellished pronouncements. It was offensive, disheartening, and yes, frightening to hear the ease with which he used racial and misogynist slurs, callous attacks, bullying and demagoguery. I cannot imagine words, behavior or proposed policies that are as repugnant to our way of faith; based on his campaign and most of his cabinet selections (and the views of each person selected), his presidency and policies are as distant as you can get from the spirit of our faith Principles. What he represents is an abhorrence to Unitarian Universalism. Consequently, it is clear to me, now more than ever, that we must collectively reinvigorate our commitment as a prophetic community of faith; we must speak our Principles and show up every time necessary. I know that there are meetings and rallies that I must attend as a way of giving voice to my faith, as a way of “walking my talk.” I urge you to do the same. Now is the time to step forward; now is the time to speak out and partner with those

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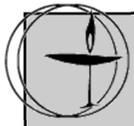
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who are resisting the signs of the times.

I asked that we walk together during my remaining months of ministry so that we could live into the prophet church described by James Luther Adams. Now my “ask” feels more compelling, it’s urgent, there is a prophetic edge to my request of six months ago. The immediacy of national and regional challenges brought on by the national elections makes being a UU feel subversive amidst political and religious trends; it feels like we are members of the resistance. But, let us not go “underground,” instead let us be seen and heard. As we think about what we at UUCA might do,

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**WHO WE ARE  
AND  
WHAT WE BELIEVE**

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, we are seekers of the truth.

We invite all persons of every faith, creed, culture and background to engage in a search for truth with us. We believe in the dignity and worth of every human being and in freedom of expression. We welcome and celebrate all people, be they straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

We are committed to this church as an institution, to social justice, to liberal religious exploration and education for all ages, to mutual caring and support, and to the value of diversity.

We strive to care about each other and the health of our community and the world. We are an environmentally sensitive, "green" community.

This church is a place of safety for each person's mind, body and spirit. Toward that end, we covenant to affirm and promote: Honesty and authenticity in our relationships; words that are supportive and caring, not belittling or demeaning; a welcoming and non-judgmental attitude; respect for each person's boundaries of mind, body and spirit; and listening to one another.

In order to serve the congregation and the greater community, we also strive to create an environment that challenges, inspires, encourages and supports the quest for religious fulfillment.

Please join us!

**UUCA in National Movement for Martin Luther King's Birthday:  
Annapolis Writers Resist at The Annapolis Bookstore**

—Phyllis Culham

On Sunday, January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday - UUCA members and friends participated in 'Annapolis Writers Resist', an event in the national Writers Resist movement to speak out everywhere simultaneously on the evening of January 15 for "the ideals of a free, just and compassionate democracy," especially for those who are on the margins or feel fear of the future. Those who responded to the event's Facebook page encountered a link to contribute to the Light House shelter, as local organizers were urged by the national movement to call for action for specific local causes. Annapolis' event differed slightly from some nationally, since it was organized by poets, and all readers were poets. About 80 people congregated in SRO at The Annapolis Bookstore on Maryland Ave., and more turned back out after trying to enter. Some sangha-friends of UUCA's Mindfulness Practice Group managed to make it in to both the program and even to seats.

Max Ochs offered two musical interludes featuring some of the more controversial lyrics of Woodie Guthrie, "By the relief office I seen my people; /As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking/ Is this land made for you and me?" Bob Ertman recited his haiku in three other interludes between longer poetic works by other readers, each haiku sharply on point, e.g., The live oak tree/a hundred years ago/the lynching, inspired by sites he had visited in New Orleans.

The event was organized by Annapolis poet Pamela Murray Winters, assisted by sangha-friend and poetry and drama maven Grace Cavalieri. The latter was able to draw in diverse participants such as the Collective Voices, Sistah Joy Alford, Lady Di, and Brenardo from D.C., and the cable TV show "Sojourn With Words" as well as the poetry-slamming of Analysis (Ken Brown) from Baltimore who's studied Divinity at Howard University. Grace also booked Kathi Wolfe, the author of *The Uppity Blind Girl Poems*, winner of the 2014 Stonewall Prize. Writers Resist participants are asked by the national movement to keep it going long after January 15. No specific plans were made that night, but many cards and books were exchanged and connections made in an Annapolis/ D.C./Baltimore triangle.



Max Ochs

[photo: Grace Cavalieri]

**More info:**

National Writers Resist: [www.writersresist.org](http://www.writersresist.org)

Give to the Light House Shelter:

[www.annapolislighthouse.org/ways-to-give](http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/ways-to-give)

FROM THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES...



Questions or comments for the Board?  
Contact Heather Millar, Board Secretary  
at [board@uuannapolis.org](mailto:board@uuannapolis.org).

### **Ministerial Transition: Plan and Timeline**

—Ken Apfel, President & Heather Millar, Secretary

The Board this month voted to establish the process for the hiring of an Interim Minister at UUCA and to establish an Interim Minister Search Committee to help with the process. The Board also appointed two Board members to the Committee -- Heather Millar (Chair) and LE Gomez. Any UUCA member interested in serving on the Interim Search Committee should inform any member of the Nominating Committee of a desire to join the Committee (FYI, Tony Hipszer [tony.hipszer@gmail.com](mailto:tony.hipszer@gmail.com) is Chair of the Nominating Committee). The Nominating Committee will be making recommendations for three additional UUCA members to the Interim Minister Search Committee. Our timeline:

**April 2017 Congregational Meeting** – The congregation will vote on adding three members of the Interim Minister Search Committee and will discuss and possibly adopt the UUCA Vision.

**Spring & Summer 2017** – The Interim Search Committee will work with UUA on the hiring process, receiving input from the Board, the congregation, the Vision Team and the Governance Team. The key issues that need to be resolved are the qualities and characteristics that we most need in an interim minister and the roles and responsibilities of that position.

**Fall 2017** – The Interim Search Committee makes recommendations to the UUCA Board for the hiring of the Interim Minister. The target end date of the term for the Interim Minister of summer 2019 coincides with the UUA normal selection process to call a permanent Senior Minister to commence service at UUCA in the summer of 2019.

**December 2017 Congregational Meeting** – Governance issues are discussed, with a goal to finalize governance at the 2018 Congregational meetings. The UUCA Vision is finalized.

**Throughout 2018** – The Interim Minister helps the church come together as a congregation in preparation for the upcoming permanent search for a Senior Minister. This entails engagement of the Board, the congregation, and the Governance Team. The key issues that need to be resolved are the qualities and characteristics that we most need in a senior minister and roles and responsibilities of that position, the Board, and the congregation.

**April 2018 Congregational Meeting** - The Senior Minister Search Committee membership is voted on by the UUCA congregation to facilitate the search. UUCA governance models are presented and discussed.

**Summer-Winter 2018** – The Search Committee compiles information and reports about UUCA and its needs to be sent to UUA for the upcoming search. UUCA as a whole comes to consensus on governance models to help steer the Search Committee's efforts.

**January 2019** – UUCA Search Committee begins receiving names of candidates (could be an internal or external search) and starts the interviewing process.

**May-June 2019** – Senior Minister is “called” by the UUCA congregation in a special Congregational Meeting, with service to begin soon after.

We are off and rolling! Let us use this important process as a way to grow together, to listen to one another, and to move closer as a beloved community.

***Note that the next UUCA Board meeting will be held at 6:45PM on February 13, 2017.***

# FAITH DEVELOPMENT at UUCA

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, Faith Development Minister



## Middle Hour for Adults - February [10:10-11:10 AM]

***\*please check the whiteboards located in entranceways for class locations or changes\*\****

### **February 5**

*Inquirers Series - UU Principles & Sources*  
*UU Humanists*  
*Governance Information Session*

### **February 12**

*Inquirers Series - Tour & Orientation*  
*Race Discussion Series*  
*February Canvass Group*  
*RE Transitions Team*

### **February 19**

*Inquirers Series - Faith Development*  
*UU Humanists*  
*Adult Building Bridges - Islam*  
*UU Theists*  
*UULM-MD Presentation*

### **February 26**

*Inquirers Series - UU History*  
*UU Humanists*  
*Camp Beagle Prospective Volunteer Education Session*  
*Going Deeper*  
*Civil Rights/African American Hymn Sing*



***\*\*Please note that classes formerly meeting in the Young room now meet in the Reeb room (in the Fahs house). The Building Bridges RE class now meets in the Young room each Sunday.***

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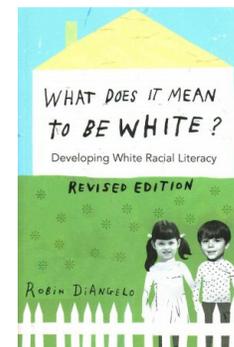
## **From the Building Beloved Communities Team—*RACE: How is Racism different From Prejudice?***

—Don Patterson

The Building Beloved Community (BBC) team has been holding monthly Middle Hour sessions to explore how often we each think about race - ours or someone else's; how and when we each learned about race; and, most recently, how we each have prejudices and how these are related to racism. Despite having over 20 participants for most of the sessions, the emphasis has been on providing multiple opportunities for participants to share their stories and experiences.

The next Middle Hour session is scheduled for February 12, and discussion will center around Robin DiAngelo's definition of prejudice, found in her book, *What Does it Mean to be White: Developing White Racial Literacy*. For her, "Prejudice: Learned pre-judgement based on stereotypes about the social group that someone belongs to. Prejudice occurs at the individual level; all humans have learned prejudices." (p. 46)

All are welcome and encouraged to join us. We all have learned biases and prejudices. Exploring and acknowledging them in a safe and positive environment gives us the opportunity to further our understanding of racial prejudice and racism.



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how we will partner with others, how we will present ourselves to the larger community including those who come through our doors-let's use our imaginations, let's speak hopefully, let us act prophetically.

Here are some ways that UUCA asks that you step up and share our prophetic imagination:

UUCA hosts the **UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland**. UULM-MD educates UUs on issues before the MD Assembly and advocates for legislation based on our UU Principles. Connect with them at [uulmmd.org](http://uulmmd.org) to learn of rallies and other events where you can express your UU values in our government.

On Saturday, **February 18**, Rev. Jacqui Lewis will be sharing ways that UUs can do more than just survive, but shape the next four years. Rev. Lewis is dynamic and this is an event you won't want to miss. We need to send several car loads of UUCA-ers to this event! [[Click for Facebook Event page](#)]

UUCA partners with groups who are working for racial justice and multiculturalism... check out upcoming meetings of **Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ)**; **Coming To the Table**; and our own UUCA group **Building the Beloved Community (BBC)**. Watch for BBC discussion sessions during Middle Hour.

Show up and support **AWAKE Ministries**, a unique way of UU worship and prophetic imagination. The fourth Sunday morning at UUCA is a spirit-filled worship service of word and music; and on the second Sunday at 4:00 PM is **AWAKE Talks** which features music and a local speaker with a valuable and meaningful story to share.

Connect with others in all the ways that UUCA offers, and especially remember the opportunities during Middle Hour (10:10-11:10 on Sundays) and in our area-wide small groups. **Habit For Humanity**, the **Light House** (shelter and programs), **Prison Ministry**, and other mentoring opportunities offer other ways to connect with the larger community.

Show up to witness your faith at gatherings on **Lawyers Mall** (Annapolis), and in Baltimore and/or DC. Often these feel spontaneous but many of them are planned ahead. We'll do our best to keep you informed.

How can we walk together during these times that will likely be an affront to our UU values and Principles? Above is a list of some of the ways—and it's always more meaningful when we can do it together. What better way to sustain, grow and share the hope that is Unitarian Universalism!

*[Originally published as a minister's blog by Rev. Fred Muir on January 3, 2017]*

### Welcome New Members

The following individuals signed the Membership Book on Sunday January 22. Please welcome them to our community!

Janice Flanders  
Greg Francioch  
Daniel Moreau  
Shannon Pickens  
Graham Neal Smith



### YEAR-END APPEAL RAISES \$16,005

We are deeply grateful to the 54 households that contributed to the 2016 Year-End Appeal. Through their generosity we exceeded our budget goal of \$13,500 for this fundraiser. We thank them for their support and commitment so that this faith community may be a supportive, inspiring and joyful place where we can rest, deepen, trust, and live our values.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather on a Sunday, please visit [uuannapolis.org](http://uuannapolis.org) where a pop-up message will appear (pop-ups must be enabled in your browser) or call 410-266-8044 for a recording.

During the week, you can check the homepage for a pop-up, or reach out to the person leading the event you plan to attend. Often decisions are made on a case-by-case basis for weekly events.

Questions? Contact the Church Office; [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).



## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT UUCA

Podcasts of weekly sermons are available online at [www.uucamd.libsyn.com](http://www.uucamd.libsyn.com).

### **Sunday, February 5:**

#### **“Uncompromising Wholeness”**

**Eleanor Piez, Intern Minister**

“As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God,” is the text of the choir’s anthem this morning. We long to be seen and understood for who we truly are, even while labels and categories pervade our consciousness and our larger society. Let us be ourselves together: richly complex, indivisible, interrelated persons.

Music by the UUCA Choir.

### **Sunday, February 12:**

#### **“The Difference Darwin Makes”**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

For over 20 years we have observed Charles Darwin's birthday, February 12. Today as we celebrate Darwin Day, I will be joined by members of our humanist and freethinkers group to share the difference Darwin has made - for us. Join us for this special Sunday.

Music by Sara Jones.

### **Sunday, February 19:**

#### **“Preaching Identity”**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

In this the era of identity politics, everyone seems to have a definition of who they are and what is important. What are the different

communities that have shaped your identity? Let's think about this together.

Music by the UUCA Choir.

### **Sunday, February 26:**

#### **“Houses of Healing Pt. 1: Who Am I?”**

**Rev. John Crestwell**

Join Rev. John as he begins a series of sermons on life-lessons using the core texts from several programs within UUCA. These lessons are simple but have deep impact and meaning for all who are willing to engage.

Music by Josh Long & the Spirit Singers.

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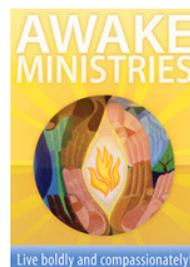
### **AWAKE Talks:**

**Sunday, February 12**

**Potluck 4:00; Service 5:00**

This month our featured speaker is local civil rights activist Carl Snowden. He will tell his story of ups and downs as he strives to live Dr. King’s dream of equality and justice for all in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Music by the AWAKE Singers and Band.



### **SHARE-THE-PLATE COLLECTION**

The **December** Share-the-Plate raised a total of \$1,013 for the Arundel House of Hope. January’s collection total will be reported in the next issue.

For **February**, the **Share-the-Plate** recipient will be the UU Legislative Ministry of MD. This group works to support legislative measures that reflect our UU values. Topics of particular interest this session include climate change, sick leave, criminal justice reform, and death with dignity. For more information, contact [info@uulmmd.org](mailto:info@uulmmd.org).

Every Sunday, the offering will be divided evenly between the chosen recipient and UUCA’s operating budget. Therefore, if you place a check in the offering plate, you ***must indicate pledge or plate share*** on the memo line. If a check is without notation, it will automatically be applied to the plate share. Once the funds have been transferred to the charity, your contribution cannot be reallocated to your pledge. Thank you for your generosity.

If you have any questions about Share-the-Plate charities, contact Diane Goforth; [dsgoforth@aol.com](mailto:dsgoforth@aol.com); for questions about Share-the-Plate policies, contact the Church Office - [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).



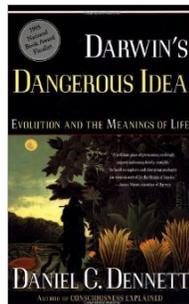
## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [online calendar](#) for more events and scheduling information.

**SURJ Meeting** - "Showing Up for Racial Justice"; Saturday, **February 4**, 3:00-5:00 PM. Childcare provided  
**Contact:** Linda Mundy;  
[ltmundy@yahoo.com](mailto:ltmundy@yahoo.com).

**Nifty 50+** will gather for a holiday potluck on Saturday, **February 4**, 6:00—9:00 PM in the narthex. Please **RSVP** to Claire Morgen; [cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com)

**UU Humanists** meet Tuesday, **February 7 & 21** Potluck at 6:00 PM; program at 7:00 PM. Also, join us as we celebrate Darwin's birthday by reading *Darwin's Dangerous Idea* and *the Meanings of Life* by Daniel C. Dennett; and "Tip a Pint to Charlie" on Sunday, **February 12**; at Middleton Tavern. The group will also be participating in the annual Darwin service that morning, at 9:00 & 11:15. **Contact:** Cliff Andrew; [neurol@jhmi.edu](mailto:neurol@jhmi.edu).



**UUCA Fiber Arts Fellowship** - needlecrafters meet for social time & crafting on Thursday, **February 9** at 2:00 PM; and Sunday, **February 26** at 12:45 PM. **Contact:** Ginger Parsons; [ginparsons@aol.com](mailto:ginparsons@aol.com).

Join the **UU Theists** Sunday, **February 12** at 8:00 AM; open to anyone with an interest in a UU perspective of theism is welcome. **Contact:** John Fischer; [jwlfischer@gmail.com](mailto:jwlfischer@gmail.com).

**Board of Trustees Meeting** - Monday, **February 13**, 6:45 PM; library. Board meetings are

open to anyone, unless otherwise specified. **Contact:** [board@uuannapolis.org](mailto:board@uuannapolis.org).

**Retirement Event Planning meeting** - Say it isn't so...but Rev. Fred will be retiring at the end of this year. We are looking for a core group of 6-8 people committed to working on some big send-off celebrations! Dates for events are tentatively set for the first two weekends of November. If you are interested, come to our first meeting on Wednesday, **February 15**, 7:00 PM in the library. *Please RSVP* in case an inclement weather announcement must be made! **Contact:** Dianne Moreau; [diannemarie1@comcast.net](mailto:diannemarie1@comcast.net).

The **Outdoor Club** will meet at the I-97 & Benfield Rd Park & Ride at 9:00 AM on Saturday, **February 18** to carpool to the Baltimore Museum of Industry [\$7-12]. Followed by lunch at a Locust Point pub. *Rescheduled from January due to weather.* **Contact:** Eloise Hoyt; [eloisehoyt@verizon.net](mailto:eloisehoyt@verizon.net).

The **Church Office** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, **February 18** in observation of President's Day.

**Fourth Friday Concerts** - Join us for *My Favorite Things* featuring **Sara Jones**; Friday, **February 24**. A program of jazz standards from the Great American Songbook along with some Brazilian bossa-nova classics to chase away the winter doldrums. Joining Sara are Tony Nalker [piano], Paul Langosch [bass] and Wes

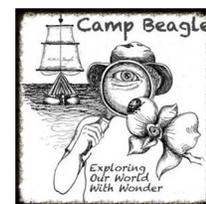
Anderson [drums]. Visit [www.SaraJonesmusic.com](http://www.SaraJonesmusic.com). Tickets \$15 at the door only, or purchase a \$60 series ticket (good for five admissions). Doors open at 7:00 PM; concert at 8:00 PM.

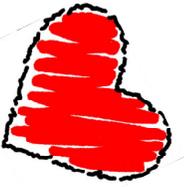
### **Camp Beagle Registration -**

UUCA's yearly Camp Beagle will be held this summer during the week of **July 17-21**. Hours are 9:00 AM—3:00 PM [before & after care available]. Open to children ages 4 and up to youth 'helpers', the camp is based on Darwin's HMS Beagle voyage.

Filled with fun, nature experiences, and lots of wonder, this is typically an event kids want to return to year after year!

Registration opens on Sunday, **February 12** [Darwin Sunday at UUCA!]. Families with an adult who can help out for the entire week, and those registered for UUCA's RE program will get the first spots. After that, spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee is \$120/camper; \$50 due at the time of registration. Assistance is available if cost is prohibitive. Watch UUCA's weekly publications for a registration link; email [uucampbeagle@gmail.com](mailto:uucampbeagle@gmail.com) with questions.





# February 2017



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8:30 AM Intro to Mindfulness 9:00 AM Worship/CC 10:10 AM Middle Hour 11:15 AM Worship/CC		12:00 PM Video Discussion group 6:00 PM UU Humanists		2:00 PM Fiber Arts fellowship 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	7:30 PM Full Moon Celebration	
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## ONGOING EVENTS

**Amnesty International:** The Annapolis Chapter of Amnesty International meets on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Emerson Room of the Fahs House. All are invited, especially members of the UUCA congregation who believe that one person can make a difference. Come check us out.

**Coming to the Table:** meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the RE sanctuary. Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Contact: Rusty Vaughan; [rusty@solutionreps.com](mailto:rusty@solutionreps.com).

**Fiber Arts Fellowship:** needlecrafters who meet on the second Thursday and fourth Sunday in the Young room. Contact: Ginger Parsons; [ginparsons@aol.com](mailto:ginparsons@aol.com)

**Full Circle:** meets monthly at 7:30 PM on the Friday night closest to the full moon. An experiential earth-based celebration open to all women over age 18. Contact Jodi Delaney; [jodimonkey@verizon.net](mailto:jodimonkey@verizon.net).

**Gallery at 333:** The Gallery at 333 is open Mon.-Thurs. from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact Debbie Boudra; [dancindebart@comcast.net](mailto:dancindebart@comcast.net).

**Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation:** Beginner-friendly session every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Emerson Room. For those who want to learn the basics of meditation and those who just want another opportunity to practice with a group. Contact Phyllis Culham at [mpg@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mpg@uuannapolis.org).

**“Inquirers” Series - Classes for Newcomers:** A program to educate and integrate newcomers and to serve as a refresher for long-timers. The series is eight (8) one-hour classes led by ministers, staff and church members during Middle Hour or after church service in the summer months. For more information visit [The Inquirers Series](#).

**Light House Shelter Meals:** If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Carrie Kotcho; 410-451-1844; [ckotcho@verizon.net](mailto:ckotcho@verizon.net).

**Mindfulness Practice Group:** meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for meditation and dharma discussion. Contact Phyllis Culham at [mpg@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mpg@uuannapolis.org).

**Nifty Fifties +:** A social group for seniors, that meets periodically for dinners, game nights, and other outings. Contact Claire Morgen at [cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com).

**Rainbow School:** a cooperative, Montessori-based program for young children that teaches the 7 “Rainbow Principles” of the UU faith. Meets Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30-Noon. Also includes a Parent Workshop on the first Thursday of the month; 6:30 PM. Both held in the RE sanctuary. Contact: Alethea Shiplett; [feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com).

**Spirit Singers** Open to all musicians! Led by co-directors Betsy Kraning and Josh Long, this group provides diverse, intergenerational, multicultural, contemporary music once a month for worship services. Contact Betsy Kraning, Music Director at [bkraning@uuannapolis.org](mailto:bkraning@uuannapolis.org).

**The Tuesday Noon Brown Bag Lunch & Video Discussion Group:** Meets weekly mid-September through May in the narthex. Bring your lunch to eat during the half-hour social time, watch the half-hour *Religion and Ethics* video and join in the half-hour of discussion afterward until 1:30 PM. All are welcome. Led by the intern minister. Contact Bob Ertman; [robertertman@msn.com](mailto:robertertman@msn.com).

**UUCA Choir:** with director Len Langrick; rehearses September-May every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Provides relevant music twice a month for Sunday services. New members always welcome. Contact: Jan Sprinkel; [jansprink@verizon.net](mailto:jansprink@verizon.net).

**UUCA Community Drum Circle:** Looking to connect with others in a spiritual yet visceral way? Try the Drum Circle! No musical experience necessary. Meets on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Contact Chris Larragoite; [molson2002@verizon.net](mailto:molson2002@verizon.net)

**UU Legislative Ministry of MD (UULM-MD):** UULM-MD is a statewide advocacy network comprised of individual members and affiliated UU congregations. UULM-MD provides a voice in legislative action for UU values, principles and traditions. UUCA provides leadership, resources and support to UULM-MD. Email [info@uulmmd.org](mailto:info@uulmmd.org) or call 410-266-8044, ext. 111.

**UU Humanists:** Naturalism-Science-Reason-Wonder-Compassion-Community-Respect. Book discussions and film viewings as announced. Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month; 6:00 PM potluck and 7:00 PM discussion; in the narthex. Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or [neuro@jhmi.edu](mailto:neuro@jhmi.edu).

**UU Theists:** A group of people interested in a UU perspective of theism. Meets the second Sunday of the month before the first service in the Young Room. Contact: John Fischer; [jwlfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jwlfisher@gmail.com).





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